

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 3, 2002. Claims 18, 19, 22, 24 and 25 have been amended. Claims 14-17, 21 and 26 have been canceled. Claims 18, 19, 20 and 22-25 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration on the basis of the above-amendments and remarks below are kindly requested.

The Examiner stated that claims 18 and 21-25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as set forth in this Office Action and written in independent form including all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph and to include all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. As such, applicant submits that claim 18 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of claim 14 and claim 21 and to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. As such, applicant submits that claim 19 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 20 is dependent from claim 19. Claim 22 has been amended to be dependent from claim 19 or 20. Claim 23 is dependent from claim 22. As such, applicant submits that claims 20, 22 and 23 are also in condition for allowance as being dependent from an allowable base claim and for the additional limitations they contain therein.

Claims 24 and 25 have been rewritten, in independent form including all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims and to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. As such, applicant submits that claims 24 and 25 are also in condition for allowance.

The rejections to all claims pending in this application are believed to have been overcome and this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns about the allowability of this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss them.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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